GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SELECTION OF DEALERS BY IOCL AND IBP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision regarding selection of the dealers for 610 locations by IOCL and IBP in the month of January 2003 as per the then prevailing policy is still pending with the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government intends to terminate/scrap all such 610 interviews to avoid discrimination;

(c) if so, whether these oil companies had conducted these interviews in violation of the Government or oil companies policy;

(d) if so, the action to be taken/proposed to be taken against the officers involved; and

(e) if not, the time by which all these pumps are to be installed as per the merit panels prepared by the oil companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (e): After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) are authorized to select dealers / distributors for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships on the basis of guidelines to be adopted by them. The Government have since advised the OMCs to observe certain broad parameters in the guidelines, and the OMCs have, thereafter, formulated their guidelines. Decision in respect of the cases of selection made by Indian Oil Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited will depend on the provisions in these guidelines.